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Title: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING NUCLEOTIDE  
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Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the most recent Office Action on the merits, dated July 16, 2003, for which a response is due October 16, 2003. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

Applicant has given careful consideration to the analysis in the Office Action. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.